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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE: January 10, 2020
FILE NO: 018-02881-1348-055

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: SCOTT W. GAGE, COMMANDER
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION

TO: DAVID J. SPRENGEL, CAPTAIN
LAKEWOOD STATION

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Case Number:	SH2447480
Incident:	Hit Shooting
Incident Date:	February 5, 2018
Unit:	Lakewood Station
Suspect(s):	Michael Lombardi, MH/072596
Involved Employees:	Deputy Elsa Buonarigo, #[redacted]
EFRC Date:	January 9, 2020

The Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) consisting of Commanders Scott W. Gage, April L. Tardy, and Chris E. Marks met and reviewed the above case.

FINDINGS:

The EFRC determined the use of force and tactics were within Department policy.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The EFRC Panel recommended for Deputy Buonarigo to attend High Risk Contact and 8 hours of Perishable Skills/ Weapon Training class.

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 11/13/2019	Bureau/Station/Facility: Lakewood Sheriff's Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐ Hit? ☑

Incident Information

URN: 018-02881-1348-145	Date: February 5, 2018 Time: 0007 hours
City or Station: Cerritos	Nature of Incident: Deputy Buonarigo attempted to detain a suspicious person. The suspect reached for his waistband and a deputy involved shooting occurred.
Location: [redacted] block of Artesia Boulevard	

Location Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other:

Lighting (check only one):
- ☐ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Street Lights

Weather (circle only one):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 8 feet

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 1

Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0

Incident Type (check one or more):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☐ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☐ Struggle Involved
- ☑ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (check only one):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☑ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☐ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (check only one):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Aero Unit? ☑ Canine Unit? ☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (check only one)	ShiftType (check only one)
[redacted]	Cruz	Gerrardo		☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☐ Regular ☑ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Murillo	Gabriela	A.	☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Lizarraga	Ethan		☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name		First Name		M.I.
Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(check one or more)
[redacted]	Figueroa	Robert	A.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
				☐ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Hoglund	Scott	A.

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Castano	Eric	E.

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SH # 2447480

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
02/05/2018	0406	11/13/2019	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Delgado	Connie	
[redacted]	Granek	Roberta	

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	UC					NN	
S#1	E#1	RS					NN	
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	GS	BK

See Front Side

Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 018-02881-1348-145

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Buonarigo	First Name: Elsa	M.I.
Sex: F Race: H	Rank: Deputy	Unit Assignment: Lakewood Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 134A
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☑ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used: None
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☑
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 7 to 8 hours	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☑ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors: None
Age: [redacted] Height: 505	Weight: 130		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]		PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]
Certified with Weapon Used?	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted] Prior Shootings? [redacted]	Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: Smith & Wesson	Caliber: 9mm	# Shots: 1	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber: # Shots:
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): ☐ EM ☐ PM ☐ Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): ☐ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): ☐ Plain Clothes no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket w/ Vest ☐ Plain Clothes w/ Vest ☐ Uniform no Vest ☐ Raid Jacket no Vest ☐ Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit: Prior Shootings? ☐	Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: ☐
Weapons Fired Brand:	Caliber	# Shots	Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Lombardi		First Name: Michael	M.I. L.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Street Ad[redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: None	Home Phone: None	Social Secur[redacted]	Driver's Licen[redacted]
Age: 21 D.O.B. 07/25/96	Height: 506 Weight: 180	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # 5224602	Primary Charge: 148 (a)(1) PC	Secondary Charge:	11377(a) HS
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Methamphetamine
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☑	Criminal History? ☑
Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: No Probation: Yes	Prior Felony Conviction: No

S

Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
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Last Name		First Name	M.I.
AKA Last Name		First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make Model:	Year:	Parole: Probation:	Prior Felony Conviction:

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**On-duty, Hit Shooting**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**SH 2447480**
URN#:	**018-02881-1348-145**
DATE/TIME:	**February 5, 2018, 0007 hours**
LOCATION:	**[redacted] Block of Artesia Boulevard, Cerritos, California**

On Monday, February 5, 2018, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Rollout Team, comprised of Sergeants [redacted] Connie Delgado, and Lieutenant Roberta Granek responded to Lakewood Sheriff's Station regarding an on-duty deputy involved hit shooting incident involving Deputy Elsa Buonarigo. Suspect Michael Lombardi (hereafter referred to as Suspect Lombardi) sustained one gunshot wound. He was subsequently transported to Long Beach Memorial Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Deputy Buonarigo was not injured during this incident.

Sergeants Domenick Recchia and John O'Brien from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Homicide Bureau arrived and assumed control of the shooting investigation. For further information, refer to the Homicide casebook, under URN #018-02881-1348-145 **[EXHIBIT A].**

SYNOPSIS

On February 5, 2018, Deputy Buonarigo was assigned to Lakewood Sheriff's Station, working EM shift, in a marked, one person patrol vehicle, 134A. She was wearing a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Class "A" uniform.

> **IAB Note:** Deputy Buonarigo was on the second half of a double shift when this incident occurred. The Lakewood Station PM shift in-service dated February 4, 2018, showed Deputy Buonarigo was assigned to work the Lakewood area in unit 132D, [redacted] hours. **[Miscellaneous Documents].**The Lakewood Station EM shift in-service dated February 5, 2018, showed Deputy Buonarigo was assigned to work the Artesia

area in unit 134A, [redacted] hours **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

At approximately 0004 hours, Deputy Buonarigo was patrolling the city of Artesia, when she saw Suspect Lombardi standing near the curb on the southwest corner of Norwalk and Artesia Boulevards, acting odd. She saw Suspect Lombardi quickly spin around and believed he was possibly drunk or under the influence of a narcotic. Additionally, Suspect Lombardi had a shaved head and was wearing baggy, loose fitting clothing. Based on her past experiences in the area, Deputy Buonarigo believed Suspect Lombardi was a local street gang member. Deputy Buonarigo decided to contact him **[EXHIBIT A, page 31].**

As Deputy Buonarigo approached Suspect Lombardi, he immediately reached into his pants pockets. Deputy Buonarigo exited her patrol car and ordered Suspect Lombardi to remove his hands from his pockets. Suspect Lombardi responded, "Fuck you," and placed his left hand deeper into his pants pocket. Suspect Lombardi quickly pulled his left hand out of his pocket and raised it above his head. Deputy Buonarigo was positioned four feet from Suspect Lombardi and noticed he was holding a glass pipe in his hand. She immediately recognized the pipe as commonly used to ingest methamphetamine. Suspect Lombardi quickly thrust his left hand in a downward motion, smashing the pipe on the ground **[EXHIBIT A, page 32].**

IAB Note: Deputy Buonarigo's initial observation and contact with Suspect Lombardi was captured by surveillance cameras affixed to the exterior of the "[redacted] located at [redacted], [redacted] and the [redacted], located at [redacted] Homicide investigators located the video and it was downloaded by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department High Tech/Cyber Crimes Unit. The surveillance footage is attached to this case book under **[Exhibit B, "Video, [redacted]" and "[redacted]"].**

IAB Note: Homicide Bureau investigators noted, in their supplemental report, glass shards were found on the ground adjacent to the southwest corner of Norwalk and Artesia Boulevards where Deputy Buonarigo claimed Suspect Lombardi smashed his pipe **[Exhibit A, page 26].** Scientific Services Bureau personnel documented, photographed, and collected the glass shards **[Exhibit A, page 81 & Exhibit B, Scene Photographs].** The recovered glass shards were not tested for the presence of methamphetamine.

Suspect Lombardi turned and walked away from Deputy Buonarigo, despite several orders given by Deputy Buonarigo for him to stop. Suspect Lombardi walked north across Artesia Boulevard to the northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard. He then walked west on Artesia Boulevard and out of Deputy Buonarigo's view. Deputy Buonarigo did not to follow or make any additional efforts to contact Suspect Lombardi on her own. She requested an additional unit to her location over the local tactical frequency (L-TAC) before she attempted to re-engage Suspect Lombardi.

IAB Note: Stations are assigned to specific L-TAC channels. L-TAC channels are used for tactical coordination within a station area. Communication from a radio car to another radio car, person, watch deputy, etc., is accomplished via L-TAC. Through the use of L-TAC, station units can directly communicate with other station units.

Deputy Gerrardo Cruz acknowledged Deputy Buonarigo's request for an additional unit and responded to her location. When Deputy Cruz arrived, Deputy Buonarigo briefed him on her prior interaction with Suspect Lombardi. They discussed how they were going to approach Suspect Lombardi in the event they were able to locate him. They planned on approaching Suspect Lombardi from different directions to contain him in case he decided to run. Deputy Buonarigo would drive her patrol car west on Artesia Boulevard in the westbound lanes of traffic, approaching Suspect Lombardi from the east. Deputy Cruz would drive west on Artesia Boulevard in the eastbound lanes of traffic, approaching Suspect Lombardi from the west. There was no traffic when Deputy Cruz drove eastbound on Artesia Boulevard **[EXHIBIT A, page 32].**

IAB Note: Deputy Cruz was working a burglary suppression unit. He was an extra patrol focused on combating commercial burglaries. His name and unit identifier did not appear on the Lakewood Station EM shift in-service for February 5, 2018.

IAB Note: The L-TAC radio traffic between Deputies Buonarigo and Cruz is attached to this casebook under **[Exhibit B, "Radio Traffic, L-TAC"].**

Deputy Buonarigo spotted Suspect Lombardi walking west on Artesia Boulevard from Norwalk Boulevard on the north side of the street. As she approached Suspect Lombardi in her patrol vehicle, she illuminated him with her driver's side spot light, and ordered him to "stop." Suspect Lombardi did not respond or acknowledge Deputy Buonarigo's command. While Deputy Buonarigo gave Suspect Lombardi commands to stop, he walked at a faster pace and placed both of his hands in his pants pockets. Deputy Buonarigo stopped her patrol

vehicle east of Suspect Lombardi and again ordered him to stop. Simultaneously, as Deputy Buonarigo ordered Suspect Lombardi to stop she saw Deputy Cruz' patrol vehicle approach the suspect from the west. Deputy Cruz' patrol vehicle was positioned facing east on Artesia Boulevard and Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle was positioned facing west on Artesia Boulevard. Suspect Lombardi was on the sidewalk north of Artesia Boulevard between the patrol vehicles. **[EXHIBIT A, page 32].**

Deputy Cruz saw Suspect Lombardi walking toward him and ordered him to stop. Deputy Buonarigo heard Suspect Lombardi yell, "Fuck you." Suspect Lombardi paused momentarily, quickly turned toward Deputy Buonarigo and stepped into the street. As Suspect Lombardi turned toward Deputy Buonarigo, his left hand was holding his waistband and he quickly reached his right hand into the waistband of his pants. Suspect Lombardi continued to advance toward Deputy Buonarigo as he yelled "Fuck you!" Deputy Buonarigo drew her firearm and pointed it at Suspect Lombardi, again ordering him to stop. At no time did Suspect Lombardi comply with Deputy Buonarigo's commands and stop his advance toward her.

Based on Suspect Lombardi's actions, behavior, and the fact he was advancing toward her while she pointed her firearm at him, Deputy Buonarigo believed he possessed a firearm in his waistband. Suspect Lombardi closed the distance between them to approximately five to ten feet. As Suspect Lombardi advanced toward her, he quickly removed his right hand from his waistband. Deputy Buonarigo believed Suspect Lombardi was retrieving a firearm from his waistband and was planning on using the firearm against her. She fired one round in the direction of Suspect Lombardi. After Deputy Buonarigo fired her weapon, Suspect Lombardi walked a few steps away from her and fell to his knees. Deputy Buonarigo and Deputy Cruz approached Suspect Lombardi. Deputy Cruz covered Suspect Lombardi by drawing and pointing his firearm at him, while Deputy Buonarigo handcuffed him. As Deputy Buonarigo handcuffed Suspect Lombardi, Deputy Cruz requested emergency clearance and broadcast there was a deputy involved shooting over his portable radio. Initially, Deputy Cruz broadcast a negligent accidental discharge; however, Deputy Buonarigo told him she intentionally discharged her weapon at Suspect Lombardi. Deputy Cruz did not correct his negligent discharge radio broadcast.

IAB Note: The shooting was captured by video surveillance from a residence located at [redacted]. Homicide investigators located the video and it was downloaded by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department High Tech/Cyber Crimes Unit. The video surveillance is attached to this casebook under **[Exhibit B, "Video, [redacted]**.

IAB Note: Deputy Cruz' emergent radio traffic is attached to this casebook under **[Exhibit B, "Radio Traffic, Emergent Traffic"].**

After Suspect Lombardi was handcuffed, Deputy Buonarigo retrieved her medical emergency bag from the trunk of her patrol vehicle and began to render medical aid to Suspect Lombardi. She noted a gunshot wound to his right side and treated Suspect Lombardi's injury by applying gauze and direct pressure to his wound. Deputies Gabriela Murillo and Ethan Lizarraga were the first units to arrive at Deputy Buonarigo's location in response to the assistance request. Suspect Lombardi was searched by Deputies Murillo and Lizarraga. A knife, and a plastic baggie containing methamphetamine were recovered from Suspect Lombardi's shorts pocket.

IAB Note: The knife and methamphetamine were photographed by Scientific Services Bureau personnel **[Exhibit C].** The plastic baggie containing suspected methamphetamine was tested by Scientific Services Bureau personnel and the crystalline substance was confirmed to contain methamphetamine **[Exhibit D].**

Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel responded and transported Suspect Lombardi to Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the shooting of Michael Lombardi by Deputy Elsa Buonarigo. In their letter of opinion **[Exhibit E]**, dated February 13, 2019, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded, "We conclude that the People cannot prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Deputy Elsa Buonarigo did not act in lawful self-defense when she used deadly force against Michael Lombardi. We are therefore closing our file and will take no further action in this matter."

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Elsa Buonarigo, Deputy, #[redacted]
South Patrol Division
Lakewood Sheriff's Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	January 9, 2014
Date Assigned to Patrol/Lakewood Station:	May 1, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]

Prior Shooting Incidents: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:

Equipment Worn on Person

Class "A" Uniform, Long Sleeve
Ballistic Vest
Sam Browne gun belt containing:
Sidearm; Smith & Wesson model M&P9, containing one ammunition magazine
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray
Two handcuff cases containing handcuffs
Magazine pouch containing three additional magazines
Department issued portable radio
Taser
Keys
ASP expandable baton
Tourniquet

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Suspect: Michael Lee Lombardi, Booking #5224602
M/H, DOB: 07/25/96, 5'06," 180 lbs., black hair/ brown eyes
Address: [redacted]
CII# [redacted]: MAIN# [redacted] FBI# [redacted]

A review of Suspect Lombardi's criminal history showed he has [redacted]

SUSPECT INJURIES:

Suspect Lombardi sustained a gunshot wound to his lower left flank. The path of the bullet appeared to have been at an upward angle, from left to right, through the fatty tissue of his lower back. Suspect Lombardi also had a wound to his right flank which was higher on his body than the injury to his left side **[Exhibit A, page 36]**.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

None.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Detectives Frederick Morse and Mike Davis supervised the documentation and recovery of evidence at the crime scene. They were assisted by Scientific Services Bureau Forensic

Identification Specialists Donna Thomas, #[redacted] and Nakia Barry, #[redacted] The detectives were also assisted by Firearms Examiner Manny Munoz, #[redacted] The descriptions of the evidence and where it was collected is documented in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 23-28]** and in the Crime Scene Investigation Reports **[Exhibits F & G]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Approximately three hours transpired from the time of the shooting to the time of arrival by IAB investigators. The scene was described in detail by Homicide Bureau Detectives Davis and Morse **[Exhibit A, pages 23-28]**. Their description of the scene was consistent with IAB Investigators' observations. The scene was also photographed by the aforementioned Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau personnel.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY BUONARIGO

Deputy Buonarigo fired one (1) round from her Department issued, 9mm, Smith & Wesson, model M&P, semiautomatic pistol, serial number HP[redacted] The magazine contained seventeen (17) live rounds.

Scientific Services Bureau, Forensic Identification Specialist N. Berry, #[redacted] photographed and took possession of Deputy Buonarigo's duty weapon. The weapon was transported to the scene where it was given to Sheriff's Department Firearms Examiner, Manuel Munoz, for testing. Senior Criminalist Manuel Munoz, of the Scientific Services Firearms Identification Section examined Deputy Buonarigo's firearm and found it to be functional **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

Date last qualified:
Date last trained with weapon: [redacted]

WEAPON USED BY SUSPECT LOMBARDI

None.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

No evidence of property damage was found.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

Investigators: LASD Homicide Bureau Sergeants John O'Brien, #[redacted] and Domenick Recchia, #[redacted]

Court: Los Angeles Superior Court Bellflower Courthouse
10025 Flower Street, Bellflower, CA 90706

Charges: On May 9, 2018, a criminal filing was presented to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office against Suspect Lombardi for, Resisting, Obstructing a Police Officer, 148 (a)(1) PC, Possession of a Controlled Substance, 11377(a) HS, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 11364 HS. The filing was rejected pending the outcome of JSID's investigation into the deputy involved shooting **[Exhibit H]**. Lakewood Station Detective Bureau personnel did not attempt to re-file the criminal case against Suspect Lombardi due to the case being outside the statute of limitations for a misdemeanor crime.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This incident occurred at approximately 0007 hours. Homicide Bureau Investigators Morse and Davis noted the location of the shooting was along the north side of Artesia Boulevard in the number two lane of traffic adjacent to the sidewalk. There was a tree with a large canopy hanging over the sidewalk and the street. There were three street lights that were intermittently illuminating the surrounding area **[Exhibit A, page 27].**

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews which have been paraphrased for clarification purposes. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the digitally audio recorded interviews and verbatim transcriptions.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ELSA BUONARIGO

Homicide Bureau Interview

Involved Deputy Elsa Buonarigo was interviewed by Homicide Detectives John O'Brien and Domeneck Recchia at Lakewood Sheriff's Station on February 5, 2018, at 0420 hours. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 30-34].** The interview was also transcribed and included in this casebook.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Buonarigo at Internal Affairs Bureau on October 1, 2019, at 0957 hours. Present with Deputy

Buonarigo was her attorney, Maureen Okwuosa, from Rains, Lucia, and Stern (RLS).

Deputy Buonarigo was assigned to uniformed patrol at Lakewood Station on February 5, 2018. She was assigned to work EM shift, in the Artesia area, in unit 134A. She was wearing a long sleeved "Class A" uniform and was driving a marked Crown Victoria patrol vehicle **[Page 3, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo saw Suspect Lombardi standing in the street on the south side of Artesia Boulevard, west of Norwalk Boulevard **[Page 6, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].** She believed Suspect Lombardi was a criminal street gang member based on his shaved head, his loose fitting, baggy clothing he was wearing, and the area she encountered him in was known for gang activity. She approached Suspect Lombardi in her patrol vehicle. As she stopped her patrol vehicle next to Suspect Lombardi, she believed he was possibly under the influence because he was looking around, twitching and was fidgeting when she contacted him. She asked Suspect Lombardi if he had identification. Suspect Lombardi replied, "I don't got to fucking talk to you." Suspect Lombardi's response was unexpected, and she felt vulnerable contacting him while she was still seated in her patrol vehicle. She quickly realized she needed to exit her patrol vehicle **[Pages 8-9, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo said she exited her patrol vehicle and decided to detain Suspect Lombardi pending an under the influence investigation. She was approximately four feet from Suspect Lombardi when she exited her patrol vehicle. She saw him place both of his hands into his pants pockets and remove a glass pipe. She could see the end of the pipe appear burnt and recognized it as being consistent with one used to smoke methamphetamine. Suspect Lombardi threw the pipe on the ground, smashing it, and said, "Yeah, you can't do shit to me." Suspect Lombardi walked away from her. She believed Suspect Lombardi was under the influence of methamphetamine based on his rapid, erratic movements, fidgeting, his possession of a suspected methamphetamine pipe, coupled with her prior contacts and arrests of persons who were under the influence. She told Suspect Lombardi she needed to speak with him and ordered him to stop. Suspect Lombardi replied, "Fuck you. You can't do shit to me bitch," and he walked northbound away from her **[Pages 10-14, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

IAB investigators read a Video Admonition to Deputy Buonarigo. She was shown segments of two videos titled, "[redacted]" and "[redacted]" **[Exhibit B, "Video, "[redacted]" and "[redacted]"].** Both videos depicted portions of Deputy Buonarigo's initial contact with Suspect Lombardi and captured Suspect Lombardi as he walked away from her when she attempted to detain him. Prior to Deputy Buonarigo viewing the videos, she stated Suspect Lombardi was

standing in the street near the southwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard when she first saw him. After viewing the videos, she said Suspect Lombardi was on the sidewalk near the corner and not in the street as she originally believed **[Page 15, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Based on Suspect Lombardi's behavior and actions toward her, Deputy Buonarigo believed he would assault her if she tried to detain him without the aid of an additional deputy. She requested an additional unit to her location. Deputy Gerrardo Cruz acknowledged her request and responded to Norwalk Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard **[Pages 19-20, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

While she waited for Deputy Cruz to arrive, she lost sight of Suspect Lombardi. Suspect Lombardi's last know whereabouts were near the northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard. When Deputy Cruz arrived, she told him about her prior interaction with Suspect Lombardi. She told Deputy Cruz, she believed Suspect Lombardi was under the influence, he was a criminal street gang member, he was uncooperative, and he did not stop for her. While she spoke to Deputy Cruz, she observed Suspect Lombardi walking westbound on the north sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard. She told Deputy Cruz she would drive west on Artesia Boulevard and approach Suspect Lombardi from the east. She told Deputy Cruz to drive west in the east bound lanes to get in a position to approach Suspect Lombardi from the west **[Pages 20-21, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo said Suspect Lombardi was walking westbound on the north sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard. As she approached Suspect Lombardi from the rear in her patrol vehicle, she saw Deputy Cruz had positioned himself west of Suspect Lombardi. She activated her forward facing red light on her patrol vehicle and illuminated Suspect Lombardi with her driver's side spot light. Suspect Lombardi looked back at her and continued to walk westbound. She ordered Suspect Lombardi to stop and he continued walking away from her. She followed Suspect Lombardi in her patrol vehicle as he continued walking west. As Suspect Lombardi walked away from Deputy Buonarigo, he had both of his hands in his front waistband area. She noticed Deputy Cruz had exited his patrol vehicle and was also ordering Suspect Lombardi to stop **[Pages 22-25, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo stopped her patrol vehicle and again gave Suspect Lombardi serval orders to stop. As she exited her patrol vehicle, she heard Suspect Lombardi yell, "Fuck you. Fuck you bitch!" As Suspect Lombardi yelled at her, he turned and advanced toward her. Suspect Lombardi was holding his front waistband area with his left hand while he reached into the front of his waistband with his right hand as he continued to advance toward her. She pointed her firearm at Suspect Lombardi and ordered him to stop. Suspect Lombardi

continued his advance toward her as he reached deeper into his waistband. She believed Suspect Lombardi was armed. She saw Suspect Lombardi quickly remove his right hand from his waistband and she thought, "This is it." She thought Suspect Lombardi was pulling out a gun and she fired one round at him. After she fired her round, Suspect Lombardi raised his hands and fell to the ground. She was approximately five (5) to eight (8) feet from Suspect Lombardi when she fired her weapon at him **[Pages 27-33, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo had her firearm aimed at the center of Suspect Lombardi's waistband area, and was focused on the area where Suspect Lombardi's right hand was concealed in his waistband. After she fired at Suspect Lombardi he fell to his knees and got on the ground on his own. Suspect Lombardi went down to his chest and laid on the ground with his head facing her patrol car. She approached Suspect Lombardi with Deputy Cruz covering him. She grabbed his hands and searched his waistband area. After searching his waistband area, she handcuffed him. Suspect Lombardi did not resist being handcuffed. After she handcuffed Suspect Lombardi, she searched him and found a knife concealed in his left shoe. Additionally, she found a puncture wound to his right side flank area, she believed to be a gunshot wound. She heard Deputy Cruz broadcast emergent radio traffic regarding the shooting and requested emergency medical personnel for Suspect Lombardi using his portable radio. She retrieved a medical response bag from the trunk of her patrol vehicle and provided first aid to Suspect Lombardi **[Pages 36-39, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

IAB investigators showed Deputy Buonarigo a photograph of the recovered knife pictured in **[Exhibit C]**, she verified the knife as the knife she found on Suspect Lombardi during her search by writing her last name, employee number and the date in the lower right hand corner of the photograph **[Miscellaneous Documents].** She did not recover the knife from Suspect Lombardi's shoe. She believed it was a Homicide Bureau requirement to leave all evidence in place following a deputy involved shooting incident **[Page 49, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo said Deputy Murillo arrived and took over searching and providing first aid to Suspect Lombardi. She estimated it took three (3) to five (5) minutes for Deputy Murillo to arrive at her location following Deputy Cruz' emergent traffic broadcast **[Pages 36-39, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo viewed video surveillance footage, from the residence located at [redacted] on the [redacted] corner of [redacted] and [redacted] **[Exhibit B, Video, "[redacted]].** The video surveillance footage showed the area where the shooting occurred. The video surveillance footage is of very poor quality and the camera angle which captured the incident

is positioned far away from the incident. The surveillance video showed Suspect Lombardi's silhouette walking on the north sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard. Two marked patrol vehicles approach Suspect Lombardi, one from the east and one from the west. Shortly thereafter, the silhouette of Suspect Lombardi is seen walking into the street and going to the ground. After viewing the video, Deputy Buonarigo said the video represented her perception of what occurred during the shooting **[Page 42, of Deputy Buonarigo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

IAB investigators showed Deputy Buonarigo a Google Maps aerial photograph of the area where the shooting occurred. Deputy Buonarigo marked the photograph with an "X" to show where she encountered Suspect Lombardi and marked where Deputy Cruz and her patrol vehicles were positioned by drawing rectangles on the map. She wrote her last name and employee number on the photograph **[Exhibit I].** Additionally, Deputy Buonarigo was shown three photographs taken the morning of the shooting by crime lab personnel. The photographs depicted the positioning of the patrol vehicles at the scene. Deputy Buonarigo marked a "C" where Deputy Cruz was positioned and a "B" where she was positioned. Deputy Buonarigo also noted where Suspect Lombardi was positioned by marking an "X." She drew an arrow to indicate where Suspect Lombardi laid on the ground and was subsequently handcuffed. She wrote her last name and employee number on the photographs **[Exhibit J].**

WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY GERRARDO CRUZ

Homicide Bureau Interview

Witness Deputy Cruz was interviewed by Homicide Detectives John O'Brien and Domeneck Recchia at Lakewood Sheriff's Station February 5, 2018, at 0515 hours. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 34-36].** The interview was also transcribed and included in this casebook.

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Cruz at Lakewood Station on September 26, 2019, at 1012 hours. Deputy Cruz was assigned to uniformed patrol at Lakewood Station on February 5, 2018. He was assigned to work EM shift, in an "extra car," in 134R. He was on duty as an extra car due to a rash of commercial, burglaries Lakewood Station was experiencing in the Station's patrol areas. He was wearing a long sleeved "Class A" uniform and was driving a marked black and white patrol vehicle.

Deputy Cruz said he heard Deputy Buonarigo on L-Tac ask for a patrol unit to meet her on the corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard. Nobody acknowledged Deputy Buonarigo's radio traffic on L-Tac. He acknowledged Deputy Buonarigo's radio traffic and responded to her location. He met Deputy Buonarigo on the southwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard. Deputy Buonarigo recounted her encounter with Suspect Lombardi. She said Suspect Lombardi disposed of "something that sounded like glass," drug paraphernalia, and possibly narcotics. After he discarded his drug paraphernalia in front of Deputy Buonarigo, he walked away from her and left the area. He did not attempt to locate the object Suspect Lombardi discarded. At the time, he was more concerned about the whereabouts of Suspect Lombardi than the object Suspect Lombardi discarded. **[Pages 5-7, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Cruz said, based on Deputy Buonarigo's account of her contact with Suspect Lombardi, and his actions toward her, coupled with his knowledge of recent commercial burglaries in the area, he believed Suspect Lombardi was a potential burglary suspect. While speaking with Deputy Buonarigo, she spotted Suspect Lombardi, and directed his attention west. Initially he did not see Suspect Lombardi. They discussed how they were going to approach and contact Suspect Lombardi. He approached Suspect Lombardi from the west. Deputy Buonarigo approached Suspect Lombardi from the east **[Pages 7-8, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

> **IAB Note:** Artesia Boulevard, west of Norwalk Boulevard, is a major, east/west, four (4) lane roadway, in which there are two (2) lanes of travel in each direction, separated by a raised center median.

Deputy Cruz said he first spotted Suspect Lombardi as he drove west on Artesia Boulevard. When he saw Suspect Lombardi, he noticed Suspect Lombardi was "walking with a purpose." Suspect Lombardi was walking west on the north sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard. Suspect Lombardi kept his hands close to his waistband as he walked. He quickly drove past Suspect Lombardi west on the south side of Artesia Boulevard searching for a break in the center media which would allow him to turn onto the north side of the street and set up west of Suspect Lombardi. He found a break in the center median near Elaine Avenue. He turned his patrol vehicle and drove eastbound in the westbound lanes of Artesia Boulevard toward Suspect Lombardi. He noticed Deputy Buonarigo was approaching Suspect Lombardi in her patrol vehicle from the east. There was no traffic when he drove his patrol vehicle westbound Artesia Boulevard in the eastbound lanes and when he turned and drove eastbound Artesia Boulevard in the westbound lanes **[Pages 7-9, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Cruz said his patrol vehicle headlights illuminated Suspect Lombardi as he drove toward him. He was approximately twenty (20) feet from Suspect Lombardi when he stopped and exited his patrol vehicle. Deputy Buonarigo had positioned herself closer to Suspect Lombardi. He saw Deputy Buonarigo exit her patrol car and heard her order Suspect Lombardi to stop several times. Suspect Lombardi did not comply with Deputy Buonarigo's orders to stop and he walked away from her. After noticing Suspect Lombardi did not respond to Deputy Buonarigo's orders, he ordered him to stop and show his hands. Suspect Lombardi did not comply with his commands. To avoid confusing Suspect Lombardi with multiple and conflicting commands, he decided to stop giving Suspect Lombardi commands and allow Deputy Buonarigo to continue with her commands **[Pages 12 & 16 of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

When he exited his patrol vehicle he drew his firearm and had it pointed at the ground by his side. He noticed Deputy Buonarigo had also exited her patrol vehicle and had her firearm pointed in the direction of Suspect Lombardi. He estimated Suspect Lombardi was approximately five to seven feet away from the front of Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle when she contacted him. Deputy Buonarigo was positioned outside her patrol vehicle, on the driver's side, near her front tire. Deputy Buonarigo continued to give Suspect Lombardi commands which he did not comply with. Suspect Lombardi suddenly turned to his left and advanced toward Deputy Buonarigo. As Suspect Lombardi advanced toward Deputy Buonarigo, he lost sight of both of Suspect Lombardi's hands. He knew Suspect Lombardi had his hands near the front of his waistband; however, he was unable to see them because Suspect Lombardi's back was to him **[Pages 18-21, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Cruz believed Suspect Lombardi was planning on assaulting Deputy Buonarigo. As Suspect Lombardi advanced toward Deputy Buonarigo, she fired one round at him. He believed the round missed Suspect Lombardi because, Suspect Lombardi did not act like he had been shot. After Deputy Buonarigo fired her weapon at Suspect Lombardi, he stopped his advance toward her, walked away from Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle, went down on his knees and laid prone on the roadway. He estimated this incident lasted approximately 3 to 5 minutes **[Pages 21- 23, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Cruz said as Suspect Lombardi advanced toward Deputy Buonarigo, he considered firing his weapon at Suspect Lombardi to prevent him from assaulting Deputy Buonarigo; however, he realized Deputy Buonarigo was in his line of fire and he did not have a clear backdrop. Deputy Buonarigo's backdrop was a nine to ten foot high block wall. After Suspect Lombardi got on the ground, he and Deputy Buonarigo approached Suspect Lombardi to handcuff him. He covered Suspect Lombardi by pointing his firearm at him while Deputy Buonarigo handcuffed Suspect Lombardi. Once Suspect Lombardi was handcuffed, he

broadcast the deputy involved shooting over his handheld radio. During his broadcast, he mistakenly said it was a negligent discharge. He said what he meant to convey over his radio was a deputy involved shooting in which the suspect was not hit. He did not discharge his firearm during this incident **[Pages 26-28, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

Deputy Buonarigo searched Suspect Lombardi's waistband area after he was handcuffed. While Deputy Buonarigo searched Suspect Lombardi, he noticed there was blood on Suspect Lombardi's shirt. He requested medical aid for Suspect Lombardi using his handheld radio. Deputy Buonarigo retrieved a medical bag from the trunk of her patrol car and applied gauze to Suspect Lombardi's wound. While Deputy Buonarigo was treating Suspect Lombardi's wound, Deputy Murillo and a male Hispanic deputy arrived and searched Suspect Lombardi. During the search a knife was recovered from Suspect Lombardi's shoe. Deputy Cruz was presented a photograph **[Exhibit C]** depicting a knife and the methamphetamine. He verified the knife in the photograph as the knife recovered from Suspect Lombardi and wrote his last name, employee number and the date on the photograph **[Miscellaneous Documents].** He did not witness the recovery of the methamphetamine **[Pages 28-29, of Deputy Cruz' transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

IAB investigators showed Deputy Cruz a Google Maps aerial photograph of the area where the shooting occurred. Deputy Cruz marked the photograph with an "O" to show where he encountered Suspect Lombardi and drew a rectangle where Deputy Buonarigo and his patrol vehicles were positioned, and he wrote his last name and employee number on the photograph **[Exhibit K].** Additionally, Deputy Cruz was shown one photograph taken the morning of the shooting by Scientific Services Bureau personnel. The photograph depicted the positioning of the patrol vehicles at the scene. Deputy Cruz marked a "C" where he was positioned next to his patrol vehicle and a "B" where Deputy Buonarigo was positioned next to her patrol vehicle. Deputy Cruz also noted where Suspect Lombardi was positioned by marking an "X." He marked an "S" where Suspect Lombardi went to the ground and was handcuffed. Deputy Cruz wrote his last name and employee number on the photographs **[Exhibit L].**

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY GABRIELLA MURILLO

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Murillo at Lakewood Station on September 26, 2019, at 1147 hours. Present with Deputy Murillo was her attorney, Sherry Lawrence, from Stone Busailah. Deputy Murillo was assigned to uniformed patrol at Lakewood Station on February 5, 2018. She was assigned to work EM shift, in unit 134. She was wearing a long sleeved "Class A" uniform and was driving a marked black and white patrol vehicle.

Deputy Murillo did not witness the deputy involved shooting. She said she went to the [redacted] block of Artesia Boulevard in response to Deputy Cruz' broadcast of the deputy involved shooting. When she arrived she saw Suspect Lombardi laying, prone, on the ground. He was handcuffed and Deputy Buonarigo was applying pressure to a wound on Suspect Lombardi's torso. There was a knife on the sidewalk close to where Suspect Lombardi was being detained. Deputy Lizarraga arrived and they relieved Deputy Buonarigo, and took her place attending to Suspect Lombardi. She searched Suspect Lombardi's person with Deputy Lizarraga. Deputy Lizarraga found a baggie of methamphetamine on Suspect Lombardi's person. She did not see where Deputy Lizarraga recovered it from. She saw two gunshot wounds on Suspect Lombardi. There was one on the right side of his torso and one to the left side of his back. She applied direct pressure to both wounds pending the arrival of emergency medical personnel **[Pages 5-8, of Deputy Murillo's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

IAB investigators showed Deputy Murillo a photograph which depicted a knife and plastic baggie containing methamphetamine **[Exhibit C]** taken by the crime lab the morning following the incident. She verified both items in the photograph and wrote her last name, employee number and the date on the lower right hand corner of the photograph **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

WITNESS EMPLOYEE DEPUTY ETHAN LIZARRAGA

Internal Affairs Bureau Interview

Internal Affairs Bureau investigators interviewed Deputy Lizarraga at Lakewood Station on September 25, 2019, at 1012 hours. Deputy Lizarraga was assigned to uniformed patrol at Lakewood Station on February 4, 2018. His shift ended at [redacted] hours and he was at Lakewood Station putting gas in his patrol vehicle when he heard Deputy Cruz' emergent radio traffic broadcasting the deputy involved shooting. He was wearing a "Class A" uniform and was driving a marked black and white patrol vehicle.

Deputy Lizarraga did not witness the deputy involved shooting. He said when he arrived he saw Deputy Murillo rendering medical assistance to Suspect Lombardi. Suspect Lombardi was lying prone on the ground and was handcuffed. He noticed there was a knife on the ground near Suspect Lombardi's feet. He assisted Deputy Murillo by searching Suspect Lombardi's left side. In addition to the gunshot wound on Suspect Lombardi's right side, he found a gunshot wound to Suspect Lombardi's lower left side. He continued his search and found a plastic baggie containing methamphetamine in the cargo pocket of Suspect Lombardi's shorts. He recovered the methamphetamine, finished his search, and assisted in providing medical care to Suspect Lombardi by applying gauze and direct pressure to the gunshot wound he found **[Pages 6 & 7, of Deputy Lizarraga's transcribed interview with IAB investigators].**

IAB investigators showed Deputy Lizarraga a photograph which depicted a knife and plastic baggie containing methamphetamine **[Exhibit C]** taken by Scientific Services Bureau personnel the morning following the incident. He verified the methamphetamine pictured in the photograph as an item he recovered from Suspect Lombardi during a search of Suspect Lombardi's person and the knife pictured by writing his last name, employee number and the date on the lower right hand corner of the photograph **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

SUSPECT STATEMENTS

SUSPECT MICHAEL LOMBARDI

Homicide Bureau Interview

Suspect Lombardi was interviewed by Homicide Detectives John O'Brien and Domeneck Recchia at Lakewood Sheriff's Station February 5, 2018, at 1910 hours. The interview was summarized in the Homicide Bureau casebook **[Exhibit A, pages 36 & 37].** The interview was also transcribed and included in this casebook.

During his interview with Homicide investigators, Suspect Lombardi told them he attempted suicide in the past by shooting himself in the head. He said he placed the gun to his head and pulled the trigger in an attempt to end his life approximately one year prior.

Suspect Lombardi denied he was attempting to commit "Suicide by Cop." However, he felt as if there was no hope and was not sure why he did the actions causing him to get shot. Homicide detectives asked him if it would be a fair statement to say his actions pushed the deputy into a spot where she felt the need to defend herself. He replied, "Yes."

At the conclusion of Suspect Lombardi's interview with Homicide detectives, Suspect Lombardi was placed on a 72 hour hold for a mental evaluation **[Exhibit A, pages 87-89].**

MISCELLANEOUS

IAB investigators were unable to reach Suspect Lombardi for interview. Suspect Lombardi did not disclose his phone number to deputies during his booking process and he did not reply to a certified letter requesting an interview which he received at his residence on November 2, 2019 **[Miscellaneous Documents].**

REVIEW OF RADIO TRAFFIC

IAB investigators reviewed the audio recording of the radio traffic communicated by Lakewood Station personnel on the Station's L-Tac and Dispatch 14 channels.

The following is a chronological timeline of the radio traffic:

- 00:05 134A, Deputy Buonarigo, tried to raise unit 134 over L-Tac
- 00:05 134G3, Deputy Cruz, acknowledged Deputy Buonarigo on L-Tac, Deputy Buonarigo requested 134G3 to respond to "7-11" at Norwalk and Artesia,
- 00:07 134G3 requested the duplex patch and broadcasted the deputy involved shooting, accidental discharge
- 00:08 134G3 requested 902R, emergency medical personnel, for Suspect Lombardi
- 00:08 Air unit acknowledged 134G3's radio traffic and inquired about additional outstanding suspects
- 00:08 134 PM's responded from the Station
- 00:09 134G3 requested unit to block traffic Artesia and Norwalk
- 00:09 902R responding
- 00:10 133T1 responded code-3
- 00:10 134 responded code-3
- 00:10 133 responded code-3 from Carson/Norwalk
- 00:11 134 arrived at Artesia and Norwalk
- 00:11 130S arrived at Artesia and Elaine
- 00:12 230S arrived at Artesia and Elaine
- 00:12 134 PMs arrived at Artesia and Elaine
- 00:13 Air 24 placed units at points of containment
- 00:17 134 PM advised 902R was on scene
- 00:21 132A asked for tactical channel, A-Tac 4
- 00:21 A-Tac 4 was reserved
- 00:22 Command post at Norwalk and Artesia
- 00:22 132A switched units to A-Tac 4
- 00:24 Duplex Patch was released

REVIEW OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE

IAB investigators reviewed surveillance camera footage from the [redacted] and a residence located at [redacted]

> **IAB Note:** The video surveillance footage from [redacted] was positioned at a far distance from the shooting and was of very poor quality. Additionally,

the timestamp depicted on the video was approximately three hours and eight minutes ahead of actual time.

The following is a chronological timeline of a portion of the surveillance camera footages:

Surveillance footage labeled [redacted]

- 00:02:57 Camera 9 showed Suspect Lombardi crossing Norwalk Boulevard to the southwest corner of Artesia and Norwalk Boulevards.
- 00:03:06 Camera 12 showed Suspect Lombardi at the southwest corner of Artesia and Norwalk Boulevard. This segment of surveillance video showed Suspect Lombardi walking with his left hand under his shirt and in his waistband.
- 00:04:00 Camera 15 showed Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle exit the "7-11" parking lot and turn west on Artesia Boulevard. Suspect Lombardi is seen looking east toward Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle.
- 00:04:01 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi turn and walk west on the south sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard with his left hand in his shorts pocket.
- 00:04:03 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi turn toward Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle with his left hand in his pocket.
- 00:04:08 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi walk to the southwest corner of Artesia and Norwalk Boulevard, toward Deputy Buonarigo's approaching patrol vehicle.
- 00:04:11 Cameras 9 and 15 showed Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle pull up to the southwest corner of Norwalk Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard, where she contacted Suspect Lombardi.
- 00:04:13 Camera 15 showed the driver's side door of Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle open. Simultaneously, Suspect Lombardi removed his left hand from his pocket and he raised his left hand over his head briefly. Suspect Lombardi then forcefully lowers his left hand in a throwing motion toward the ground.

- 00:04:15 Cameras 9 and 15 showed Deputy Buonarigo exit her patrol vehicle.

- 00:04:16 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi turn and walk away from Deputy Buonarigo as she exited her patrol vehicle.

- 00:04:19 Camera 15 showed Deputy Buonarigo walk toward Suspect Lombardi as he moved to the front of her patrol vehicle. Suspect Lombardi briefly stopped and faced Deputy Buonarigo as he reached the front of her patrol vehicle.

- 00:04:23 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi walk toward Deputy Buonarigo.

- 00:04:27 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi walk north across Artesia Boulevard toward the northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard away from Deputy Buonarigo.

- 00:04:48 Camera 15 showed Suspect Lombardi walk west on Artesia Boulevard. Deputy Buonarigo entered her vehicle, drove around the center median of Artesia Boulevard, and drove west on Artesia Boulevard.

- 00:06:37 Cameras 9 and 15 showed Deputy Buonarigo meet Deputy Cruz on the southwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Norwalk Boulevard. Deputy Buonarigo contacted Deputy Cruz through the open passenger side widow of his patrol vehicle.

- 00:07:03 Camera 15 showed Deputy Buonarigo walk away from Deputy Cruz' patrol vehicle and enter her patrol vehicle. Deputy Cruz drove west on Artesia Boulevard in the eastbound lanes. Deputy Buonarigo drove west on Artesia Boulevard in the westbound lanes.

Surveillance footage labeled [redacted]

- 03:15:00 Camera 4 showed Deputy Cruz' patrol vehicle with overhead rotating, emergency lights activated drive west on Artesia Boulevard in the eastbound lanes of traffic make a U-turn and drive east in the westbound lanes.

- 03:15:07 Camera 4 showed the "silhouette" of Suspect Lombardi

walking west on the north sidewalk of Artesia Boulevard as Deputy Buonarigo's patrol car drove west on Artesia Boulevard.

- 03:15:14 Camera 4 showed Deputy Cruz' patrol vehicle positioned to the west of Suspect Lombardi and Deputy Buonarigo's patrol vehicle positioned to the east of Suspect Lombardi.

- 03:15:16 Camera 4 showed Suspect Lombardi walk into the street and go down to the ground.